

**REMARKS**

The present application has claims 1-17 pending. In the May 3, 2007 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner alleges that the pending claims encompass multiple separate and distinct inventions and requires restriction to either:

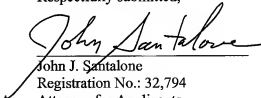
- the invention drawn to membrane electrode units (claims 1-11, 16 & 17); or
- the invention drawn to processes for producing a membrane electrode unit (claims 12-15).

Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner, in order to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims drawn to membrane electrode units (claims 1-11, 16 & 17) at the present time.

No fee is believe to be due with respect to the filing of the present response. If any fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0171 for such sum.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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